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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : James Phillip O'Reilly) Group Art Unit : 1761
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For: BEVERAGE STABILISATION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Examiner's Action mailed 12/19/2002. Please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 11.

Claim 10. (Amended) A continuous process for stabilizing the main flow of bright beer which comprises:

- (a) treating the main flow of said beer with polyvinyl polypyrrolidone (PVPP), at least 90% by weight of which has a particle size of at least 10 μm , in an amount between 10 and 100 g/hl of said beer, to allow said PVPP to absorb polyphenolic material from said beer,
- (b) continuously centrifuging the main flow of said thus-treated beer to simultaneously (1) remove at least 95% of the used PVPP therefrom in the form of a viscous concentrate paste or slurry in a beer carrier having a solids content of at least 25% by weight, and (2) to form a separate flow stream consisting of the main flow of stabilized beer,